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SUBJECT: COURTESY CALL BY IVORY COAST PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE AKE

1. ON SEPTEMBER 27 AMBASSADOR SIMEON AKE, IVORY COAST PERMREP AND PRESIDENT OF ECOSOC, PAID A BRIEF COURTESY CALL ON GOVERNOR SCRANTON. AKE OPENED THE CONVERSATION BY EXPRESSING HIS APPRECIATION FOR THE COOPERATION OF THE U.S. DELEGATION DURING HIS TENURE AS ECOSOC PRESIDENT AND REFERRED IN PARTICULAR TO THE NEGOTIATIONS LEADING TO THE DECLARATION OF ABIDJAN. GOVERNOR SCRANTON CONGRATULATED AKE FOR HIS PERFORMANCE AS ECOSOC PRESIDENT AND FOR HIS ASSISTANCE AND SUPPORT FOR THE USG INITIATIVE ON ILLICIT PAYMENTS APPROVED BY THE 61ST EOCOSC. HE NOTED THE IMPORTANCE WE ATTACH TO THIS RESOLUTION AND CONSEQUENTLY TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN AD HOC INTERGOVERNMENTAL WORKING GROUP TO IMPLEMENT IT.

2. TURNING AT AKE'S REQUEST TO SOUTHER AFRICA, GOVERNOR SCRANTON SAID THAT IT WAS IMPORTANT TO AVOID UNNECESSARILY CONTENTIOUS DEBATE IN THE UNITED NATIONS AT THIS TIME. HE SAID THAT A MAJOR BREAKTHROUGH COULD BE ACHIEVED IN NAMIBIA

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AND NOTED THAT SECRETARY KISSINGER HOPED TO MEET

WITH SAM NUJOMA DURING THE SECRETARY'S VISIT TO THE UN THIS WEEK. AKE COMMENTED THAT WHILE AFRICAN STATES ALSO DESIRED A PEACEFUL SOLUTION IN THE AREA, THEY COULD NOT ACCEPT DELAYS. HE EXPRESSED PLEASURE AT THE SECRETARY'S PLAN TO MEET NYJOMA, WHO WAS A GOOD PERSONAL FRIEND AND WHOM HE FOUND TO BE VERY SENSIBLE.

3. GOVERNOR SCRANTON CLOSED THE CONVERSATION BY THANKING AMBASSADOR AKE AND THE GOIC FOR THEIR SUPPORT ON A WIDE VARIETY OF ISSUES OF MAJOR IMPORTANCE TO THE USG (E.G., KOREA, PUERTO RICO, ETC.) AND EXPRESSING THE HOPE THAT WE WOULD CONTINUE TO WORK CLOSELY AND COOPERATIVELY HERE AT THE UN.
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